

PATTERSON LIBRARY

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM POLICY

Children's programs are planned by the library's Youth Services Department. All programs are designed to provide a pleasurable experience for children and to increase their exposure to books and the library. A copy of Patterson Library's Children's Program Procedures is made available to every parent at every session.

All children's programs are carefully planned to meet the developmental needs and interests of a particular age group. It is in the best interests of all the children to honor the age requirements specified for each program. In fairness to all participants, children will only be placed in programs designated for their true age. If a child demonstrates that (s)he is not developmentally ready, the parent may be asked to withdraw the child until such time as the child is ready to participate.

Except for our 18 Months through 3 Year Old Storytime where a parent/guardian must remain with their child, all Storytimes and Children's Book Discussion Groups are Drop-off Programs. In fairness to all of our children, the library will not accommodate parents remaining in the Program Room. No exceptions will be made. Children mature at their own pace. Those not ready to separate can try again at a later date. This process will create a better situation for the majority of our families. Registration is required for all Book Discussion Groups. Anyone who is registered but cannot attend is required to cancel. This will allow someone on the waiting list the opportunity to attend.

Throughout the year, the library will host many special events. Some are designated for children while others are designated for families. As with our Storytimes, these programs are designed for certain age groups and only children meeting the age requirement will be permitted to attend. Registration is required for all special events. Anyone who is registered but cannot attend is required to cancel. This will allow someone on the waiting list the opportunity to attend.

In the event Carmel School District is closed due to inclement weather, our programs are cancelled. School closings are announced on the radio. If the library closes for any reason, other than a holiday, it will be announced on radio station WHUD 100.7. All programs are listed on our Events Calendar at www.pattersonlibrary.org . Upcoming events and cancellations are listed at this site.